



In April, the Alabama Historical Commission received an Underrepresented Communities Grant from the National Park Service to prepare a historic context and Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for historically African American schools.

Why did the AHC apply for this grant?

- Staff at the Alabama Historical Commission frequently hear from Alabama citizens who are interested in documenting and preserving historically African American schools and nominating them to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Historically African American schools have regularly appeared on the annual Places in Peril list in recent years, and others have been lost or are endangered due to neglect or threats of demolition.
- Several Rosenwald schools in Alabama have been listed to the National Register of Historic Places under a statewide MPDF for Rosenwald schools, but few other historically African American schools in the state have been listed to the National Register.

COOSA COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL



What will this project accomplish?

- An MPDF for historic African American schools will establish criteria for eligibility for the National Register, which will help ensure that local planning efforts and projects that are funded or licensed by the federal government consider the effects on these historic schools.
- By making it easier to nominate these schools to the National Register, the MPDF will make it easier for preservation advocates to access grant funding or historic rehabilitation tax credits to preserve and restore historic school facilities.

OAK GROVE SCHOOL



What types of schools and resources will be covered by the MPDF?

- Public and private schools in Alabama that educated African Americans between 1865 and 1972, excluding Rosenwald schools and other schools that are covered by the existing MPDF for Rosenwald Schools.
- Primary and secondary schools.
- All types of educational facilities, including classroom buildings, gymnasiums, and athletic fields.
- If you know of a historic school that meets these criteria and is not already listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage or identified on the AHC's Historic Preservation map, let us know! You can call or email Lyn Causey, National Register Coordinator, at 334.230.2696 or evelyn.causey@ahc.alabama.gov.

When will this project get underway?

- The Request for Proposals from qualified consultants will be issued this summer and will be posted on the State of Alabama Finance Department's Request for Proposals web page.
- We expect that the selected consultants will begin work in the fall of 2022, and that the project will be completed in the summer of 2024.